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February 2, 2017

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, February 6 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Discussion: “Transportation Planning & Traffic Engineering”

Guests: Venu Nemani, Chief, Traffic Engineering & Operations, MC Dept. of Transportation
Pamela Dunn, Chief, Functional Planning & Policy, MC Planning Department
and

Discussion: “Upcounty Priorities for County’s Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018”
(Fiscal year 2018 runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

**Public Invited to Open Houses to Learn More about the MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
Corridor Planning Study**

The Maryland Department of Transportation’s Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), in partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, will hold two open houses to provide information and receive input on a study for developing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along a portion of the MD 355 corridor. The public is invited to stop by anytime between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on February 7 and February 8 at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, February 7, 2017:** Montgomery College – Germantown, Bioscience Education Building, 20200 Observation Drive
- **Wednesday, February 8, 2017:** Executive Office Building, Cafeteria – Terrace Level, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville

At the meetings, project team members will be available to answer project-related questions and receive comments. The open houses also will provide the opportunity for the public to review and provide comment on conceptual alternatives, results of preliminary analysis, station design concepts and next steps. For more on this initiative, see the press release at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18751 or the website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brt/.

Those unable to attend the open houses can submit questions and comments to md355brt@mta.maryland.gov or by mail to Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Suite 902, Baltimore, MD 21202.

In the event of inclement weather, the open houses will be held on Monday, February 13, at the Executive Office Building and Tuesday, February 14, at Montgomery College. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts to learn the status of the open houses.



Joint Statement Reaffirming Community Values

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and the Montgomery County Council addressed community concerns about safety, discrimination, legal status, and harassment with a joint statement unanimously drafted and co-signed by the Council. The statement reaffirms the County's tradition of building and maintaining a safe and inclusive community for our residents – the core values that have made Montgomery County a model community. See the joint statement in ([English](#) | [Español](#))

Library Lovers Month

County Executive Ike Leggett was joined by County Council President Roger Berliner and Director of Montgomery Public Libraries Parker Hamilton recently to proclaim February as Library Lover's Month at a celebration held at the Twinbrook Library on Saturday, January 28. [See the upcoming Library Lover's Month celebrations.](#)



Statement by County Executive Ike Leggett on \$15 Minimum Wage

County Executive Ike Leggett has laid out conditions for his supporting a \$15 County minimum wage.

- [Watch a video](#) of the County Executive discussing his decision.
- View a copy of the [County Executive's memo](#) to the County Council.
- Article: [Montgomery County does not need a \\$15 minimum wage from Washington Post.](#)

RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program Offers Free Tax Preparation

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program is providing free tax preparation assistance. This service is available to low-to-moderate income taxpayers who live or work in Montgomery County. Special attention is given to those age 60 and older.

The Tax-Aide program has more than 100 volunteers who are trained to prepare simple federal and Maryland state tax forms. Taxes are prepared at more than 20 different locations across Montgomery County, and an appointment is required. The program runs during tax season, the second week of February through Tuesday, April 18.

Individuals can learn more specifics and schedule an appointment on-line at <http://www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide/overview> or call 240-777-2577.



Celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year

2017 is the Year of the Fire Rooster. The Rooster signifies a year of hard work—before alarm clocks, the rooster would awaken people to get to work. Lunar New Year is one of the most highly celebrated holidays in Chinese Culture with festivities lasting for 15 days and ending with the Lantern Festival.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>